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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RUPTURING ENCAPSULATED
ADHESIVE IN SHEET MEDIA

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated September 19, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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2 (Twice Amended) A system for rupturing an encapsulated adhesive contained in a dry sheet media, comprising:

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a feeder for the sheet media; and

an activation device for releasing the encapsulated adhesive as the dry

sheet media is moved past the device by the feeder, wherein the activation